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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The names of districts in Bihar where exist the barren land;

(b) the funds made available to Bihar to convert this barren land into cultivable one;

(c) whether the State Government has not utilised the full amount; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) The wastelands/barren lands exists in all the district of Bihar in one form or the other.

(b) Wastelands/barren lands are degraded lands which are currently under- utilised and are deteriorating for lack of appropriate water and soil management or on account of natural causes. Therefore agricultural operations are generally not feasible on such lands at the first stage of development. However the Department of Land Resourcesis implementing two major schemes for development of wastelands in Bihar viz. Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP)and Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP).A sum of Rs 25.97 crores has been released to Bihar State for the implementation of these schemes.

(c) & (d) The projects sanctioned under the schemes are still ongoing and the utilisation of full amount would be known only after completion of the projects.

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